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*Wednesday Update*



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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

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## **North Lahontan added to list of regional reports released for Update 2013**

The [North Lahontan](#) regional report for [California Water Plan Update 2013](#) was released today and is available online. It is the tenth of 12 regional reports that comprise [Volume 2](#) of Update 2013. The final two regional reports, Sacramento River and Tulare Lake, will be posted in the coming weeks. Update 2013's strategic plan ([Volume 1](#)), resource management strategies ([Volume 3](#)), and the [Highlights](#) booklet were released last month.



## **Water commission meeting will focus on water use efficiency**

The next meeting of the [California Water Commission](#) will include a water use efficiency and conservation workshop. Discussions during the workshop will cover urban and agricultural water conservation initiatives. The meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 19, in Sacramento, and will be [webcast](#).

## **Combining new technology with behavioral science to help reduce water use**

A [webinar](#) to help water managers educate their customers on the need for efficiency will be offered Tuesday, Nov. 18. The [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#) will show how merging technology and scientific findings can help create smarter water consumers at home and in the classroom. The one-hour session will describe how innovative technologies can be combined with principles of behavioral science to help reduce water use.



## **PPIC to start new legislative session with drought event**

To coincide with a new legislative session, the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) is hosting a [half-day event](#) on managing drought. On Monday, Jan. 12, participants will discuss climate change and future droughts in California, as well as look at policy priorities for 2015. Other sessions during the event will focus on Australia's millennium drought, and on water allocation during droughts.

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**WATER PLAN** UPDATE 2013 **SPLASH**

*The Splash is a feature of the California Water Plan eNews to spotlight topics from Update 2013 and its Highlights booklet.*

One of the themes of Update 2013 is [Invest in Innovation and Infrastructure](#). During the next decade, California needs \$200 billion to maintain current levels of service and system conditions as depicted in the figure, [Recent Trends in Local, State, and Federal IWM Expenditures](#). Up to \$500 billion will be needed for future investment during the next few decades to reduce flood risk, provide reliable and clean water supplies, and restore and enhance ecosystems. These estimates are described in the [Future IWM Costs](#) section of Volume 1, Chapter 7, "[Finance Planning Framework](#)." Update 2013 recommends utilizing and combining diverse revenue sources to implement these much needed multi-benefit water projects.